SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY COMPANY.

NOTICE.

The 14th February 1891.

Tenders are invited for the supply of clothing required for the Traffic Department during the year ending 31st March 1892.

Forms of tender and specification can be obtained from the Store-keeper at Hubli on payment of annas 8 for each copy.

Tenders should reach the undersigned not later than March 16th, in sealed covers superscribed "Tender for Clothing."

The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

For further particulars, apply to the Store-keeper at Hubli.

J. G. LINDSAY, *Col., R. E.,*
Agent & Chief Engineer.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

NOTIFICATION.

Dated Bangalore, the 23rd January 1891.

No. 6.—The following draft of a Regulation for the management of Temple Funds in Coorg is published with a view to ascertain whether any valid objections can be taken thereto.

Any representations on the subject by persons interested in the measure should be addressed to the Commissioner of Coorg, Merkara, so as to reach that officer not later than the 28th of February.

By Order,
L. S. NEWMARCH,
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

MANAGEMENT OF TEMPLE FUNDS IN COORG.

DRAFT REGULATION.

WHEREAS certain temples and religious institutions in Coorg are in receipt of annual allowances in cash from Government and whereas it is necessary to provide for the due application of such monies, it is enacted as follows:—

I. The term "*Muzarayi* funds" shall mean and include the following sources of income derived by the temples and religious institutions in Coorg:—
   (*a*) The cash allowances amounting at present to Rs. 15,791—15—2 paid annually by the Government of India for the maintenance of the temples and institutions named in the schedule annexed.
   (*b*) The voluntary offerings presented by devotees at these temples, &c.

II. The "*Muzarayi* funds" shall be under the management and control of a Committee to be named the *Muzarayi* Committee and shall consist of nine members, who will elect one of themselves as President.

III. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chief Commissioner from among persons professing the Hindu religion, and in accordance as far as they can be ascertained, with the general wishes of those who are interested in the maintenance of the temples and institutions named in the schedule annexed. In order to ascertain the general wishes of such persons in respect of such appointments, the Chief Commissioner may cause an election to be held under such rules as may be framed by him. The appointment of the Committee shall be notified in the District Gazette.

IV. Every member of the Committee appointed or elected as above, shall hold his office during good conduct; but he may resign it if he so wish.

V. Whenever a vacancy shall occur among the members of the Committee, appointed or elected as above, a new member shall be appointed or elected as above provided. In the case of an elected Committee the President shall, within 30 days of the occurrence of such vacancy, give public notice thereof and shall fix a day for the election of a new member, and whoever shall be then elected, shall be a member of the Committee.

VI. No member of the Committee appointed under this regulation shall be capable of being, or shall act as manager of any of the temples and institutions named in the schedule annexed.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Committee to appoint one or more suitable persons to be managers of the temples and institutions named in the schedule annexed, and to fill thereafter such vacancies as may occur, owing to the removal, death or resignation of the incumbents of such posts. The committee shall prescribe the duties to be performed by such manager or managers, and shall require the production of such accounts of receipts and disbursements as shall be ordered to be kept by such manager or managers.

VIII. Any person interested in any of the temples and institutions named in the schedule annexed, or in the performance of the worship or of the service thereof, or of the trusts relating thereto, may sue before the civil court the members of the *Muzarayi* Committee in the name of its President for any misfeasance, breach of trust or neglect of duty committed by the Committee or by any person or persons holding office as manager thereunder, and the civil court may direct the specific performance of any act by the Committee, and may decree damages and costs against the Committee or any member thereof or any manager appointed by it, and may also direct the removal of a member of the Committee or if any manager appointed by the Committee.

IX. Any person having a right of attendance or having been in the habit of attending at the performance of the worship or service of any of the temples and institutions named in the schedule or of partaking in the benefit of any distributions of alms shall be deemed to be a person interested within the meaning of the last preceding section.

X. In any suit or proceeding instituted under this regulation, it shall be competent to the court before which such suit or proceeding is pending, to order any matter in difference in such suit to be referred for decision to one or more arbitrators. Whenever any such order shall be made, the provisions of Chapter XXXVII of Act X of 1877 (Code of Civil Procedure) shall apply to such order and arbitration. Nothing shall prevent the parties in the suit, or either of them from applying to the court, or the court from making the order of reference under section 508 of the said Code of Civil Procedure.

XI. No suit shall be entertained under this Act without a preliminary application being first made to the court for leave to institute such suit. The court on perusing the application or if thought proper hearing both parties shall determine whether there are sufficient *primâ facie* grounds for the institution of a suit and if, in the judgment of the court, there are such grounds, leave shall be given for its institution.

XII. No suit or proceeding before a civil court, shall bar proceedings which may be taken in a criminal court for criminal breach of trust.

Schedule annexed to the Regulation.

		Present annual allowance.		
1.	Onkareshwara pagoda at Merkara	4,435	6	0
2.	Onkareshwara choutry	380	0	0
3.	Rajas' tombs	2,000	0	0
4.	Tavunad Pagoda	2,320	7	5
5.	Tavunad choutry	3,956	10	7
6.	Brahmadaya at Subramania paid at Merkara	48	0	0
	Total Rs.	13,140	8	0

Draft rules for election of members of the *Muzarayi* Committee appointed under section III of draft regulation for management of temple funds in Coorg.

1. On the occurrence of a vacancy, the remaining members of the Committee shall forthwith give public intimation of such vacancy by advertisement in the District Gazette, and by causing a written or printed notice thereof to be affixed to some conspicuous place in each religious institution under their management.

2. The advertisement and notice shall set forth the name of the member in whose stead a new member is to be elected; the date on which the vacancy occurred, and the place, day and hour fixed for the election by the remaining members of the Committee.

3. The place of election shall be the principal religious institution under the management of the Committee, of the *kasba* town of the district, or of the taluk in which the institution where the vacancy occurs is situated.

4. The day to be fixed for the election shall not be earlier than one month or later than 3 months from the date on which the vacancy occurred, and within those limits shall as far as to enable persons living within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and entitled to a vote at the election under Rule XIII, to attend and vote for a new member.

5. The voting shall commence at 12 A. M. and close at 5 P. M, of the day fixed for the election.

6. The remaining members of the Committee shall appoint a sufficient number of respectable and trustworthy persons as Tellers to receive and register the votes of the electors. No person shall be appointed a Teller who is himself a candidate for the vacant office, or the agent of such candidate.

7. The remaining members of the Committee shall make such arrangements for taking the votes of the electors, as will admit of all voters having reasonable time and opportunities to register their votes within the hour fixed and shall appoint not less than two Tellers to each office where the votes may be given. Each elector shall declare to the Tellers in writing the name, residence, occupation or other description of the person for whose appointment he votes as well as his own.

8. The Tellers shall immediately enter the names, &c., of the elector and his nominee in a book which shall be provided for the purpose by the Committee, and shall require the voters to attest the registry by signature or mark. The vote payers shall also be duly filed by the Tellers.

9. The books of registry shall be in the prescribed form and at the close of the voting shall be signed by the Tellers who took the vote therein registered.

10. The result of the election shall be declared by the remaining members of the Committee within 20 hours after the closing of the voting.

11. A notice containing the result of the election and signed by the remaining members of the Committee and the Tellers, shall, without delay, be published in three successive issues of the District Gazette, and affixed to some conspicuous places in each religious institution under the management of the Committee.

12. The registry book of votes, and files of voting papers shall be kept open for the inspection of the electors for a fortnight after the result of the election has been declared in a convenient place, at the town where the election took place, and shall be carefully preserved by the Committee among their records.

13. The following persons will be entitled to vote at elections of members of Committees:—

(*a*) Owners of lands situated within the Province of Coorg, and paying an annual revenue to Government of not less than Rs. 50.

(*b*) Owners of landed property situated as aforesaid, wholly or partially exempted from the payment of revenue to Government, *viz.*, *jahgir* and *umbli*, but which, if not so exempt, would be liable to an annual payment of Rs. 50.